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PREFACE.

In the preparation of this book the Editor has endeavoured to combine pleasure with instruction. He has selected lessons, the subject-matter of which, he thinks, well-fitted to interest the pupil, and thereby all the more likely to enable him to read with "intelligence, ease, and expression."

The more important words, with the meaning which they bear in the text, have been placed at the beginning of each lesson, and at the end have been added a series of Questions, Reading Columns, and short Exercises in Dictation. The questions are intended to aid and encourage the pupil in the important work of home preparation. They will also be found of service to parents and others in testing the extent and accuracy of the child's acquaintance with the lesson.

The numerous woodcuts which have been inserted throughout the book will, it is hoped, tend to foster in the mind of the young scholar habits of thought and observation, and thus render his progress more satisfactory, and the work of learning more pleasant.

In conclusion, the Editor has to express his obligations to the various authors and publishers from whose works he has obtained so much instructive matter, and derived many valuable suggestions.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE BOOK.

- I. The words at the beginning of the lesson and those in the Reading Columns at the end have been accented and divided into syllables. When such words are read either by the class as a whole, or by each individual pupil, care should be taken that each syllable is clearly and distinctly pronounced. Correct pronunciation in syllables is one of the best means to obtain correct spelling.
- II. The Dictation Exercises have been constructed from words which occur in the lesson. The words are intended to be given first, and these having been examined and corrected, a fresh dictation exercise will present itself in the sentences.
- III. The Word Exercises at the end of each section may be used either as home or class exercises, or both. A good thing for the pupil would be to ask him to copy a few of the words upon his slate, dividing each into its syllables, and marking the accent.
- IV. By way of training the young mind at an early stage to distinguish Name words from others, the pupil is asked to tell the nouns in a portion of each lesson, and, at a more advanced stage, the adjectives. This exercise will generally be found to interest as well as benefit the pupil.
- V. Elliptical Exercises on words similar in sound, together with a number of Proverbs in common use, have been inserted to give variety to the contents of the book

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SECOND BOOK.

SECTION I.

I.—JAMIE AND ROVER

children. Lawn, a grassy plain. Trot'-ted, moved fast. Pet'-ted, fondled. Re-mem'-ber, call to mind. Ti'-ny, very little.

Nurse, one who takes care of Lit'-ter of puppies, a brood of young dogs.

Doom'ed, condemned. Riv'-er, a stream of fresh Play-fel'-lows, those we play

Well may Jamie love Rover, and well may Rover love Jamie, for they have saved each other's lives. Shall I tell you how? Don't you think you would be very fond of a dog that had saved your life? Yes; I am sure you would. Well, this is what Rover did for Jamie. When he was a very little fellow, he was playing in his papa's garden, quite safe, as every one thought. And his nurse left him for two or three minutes sitting with Rover on the lawn. When she came back, both dog and child were gone. You may be sure she was in a sad fright, and called Jamie as loud as she could; and papa, and mama, and all the people in the house came running out to see what was the matter. Then they heard

AND ROVER.

istance. And they ran to be sound came. And there d cold, on the grass, and ver him, wagging his tail, d saved him. For Rover nie's life. The child had rse left him, and found his while he stooped to pick a y, he fell in. You may be l and made very much of



puppies were taken out, on their way to the river, Jamie and his nurse met the man, and stopped to look at them. Now they were all nice little pups, but one of them, Rover, was prettier than any, and licked Jamie's little fat hand so softly, that the baby was quite pleased, and cried to have him. Just then papa came by, and seeing how much his little boy was taken with the puppy, he said he might have it for his own; and so first Jamie saved Rover from being drowned, and then Rover saved Jamie from being drowned; and after this I think you will not wonder that they both became very fast friends and play-fellows.

QUESTIONS.

Where was Jamie playing? Who | she came back? Why? What had behad charge of him? Where did she come of Jamie? Who saved his life? leave him? What did she do when | Tell how Jamie saved Rover's life.

ABOUT NOUNS.—Noun is the grammar word for the name of anything: Jamie, Rover, life, garden, dog, are names, and are called nouns.

. Tell the nouns in the first ten lines of the lesson.

READING COLUMNS.

Fel'-low. Wag'-ging. Drowned.
Min'-utes. Stoop'-ed. Stopped.
Gar'-den. Wat-er-li'-ly. Pret'-ti-er.
Bark'-ing. Pet'-ted. Pleased.
Dis'-tance. Nei'-ther. Licked.

Write to Dictation :-

Fond. Minutes. Four. Friends. Quite. Wagging. Sure. Prettier.

Also,

Are you quite sure Rover was prettier than all the other pups? His fond friends saw him wagging his tail for four minutes.

RVANTS.

ort stockings.
t, first food taken in
put to a stand.
t to find out.

er to take care of r why she had a I shall tell you ou can ask your the others. For, t have too. e did not know hey were. They ney were useless. much alike, that mother said she sh they did so. But t to behave, they we like rose-leaves, or you can think of.

Susy had anothe no notice of for som how to wait upon others did. They seldom still a mon was how to kick ho

Susy had still an very useful, for wi have heard her mot or the shovel and to a charming noise; I nor the doggie say

She had one mo out of sight all the first was to help h and dinners, and became good for while.

If I go on in the be much puzzled. names of these ser you three guesses; the third time, you glass, where you w I have talked about

SERVANTS.

ONS.

ocks? Which of Susy's servants let ier hear her mother sing? What was the name of the one she kept int of sight?

ifirst ten lines.

OLUMNS.

oint'-ed. Whis'-tle. Charm'-ing. -ful. Puz'-zled. A-fraid'. .t. Guess'-es.

Scratch. Puzzled. Whistle. Afraid.

ill be disappointed. You may face. I am afraid and puzzled.



Perhaps, if you could sing in words, You would have said, "Good-night!"

To all my pretty flowers, good-night—You blossom, while I sleep!
And all the stars, that shine so bright,
With you their watches keep.

The moon is lighting up the skies,
The stars are sparkling there;
'Tis time to shut our weary eyes,
And say our evening prayer.

Eliza Lee Follen.

Tell the nouns in the first two verses.

Write to Dictation :-

Hidden, Sleeping, Friends, Merry, Perhaps, Flowers, Blossom, Weary,

Also.

The sun is hidden, and perhaps your merry friends are weary and sleeping. The flowers will blossom.

IV.—ATTEND TO GOOD ADVICE.

Com-pan'-ions, those we go with. Im-me'-di-ate-ly, at once.

Pause, stop.

Ven'-ture, risk.

Per'-ished, died.

Trem'-bled, shook.

Con-fined', kept in.

Re-cov'-er-y, being well again.

FRANK was coming from school one very cold day in winter, and as he was passing with the other boys over a bridge, he saw that the river was covered with ice. "Come," said he to his companions, "let us have a slide!" They were all ready to join him, and immediately ran down

ATTEND TO GOOD ADVICE.

hat led to the river. At to n old man met them, who on the ice, it is not stron

on the ice, it is not stron This made the rest of o venture upon the ice. ne who paid no attention t old man. He stepped upor to his companions, "For what is there to be afraid t gone many steps before t feet, and in he plunged up All the boys ran off cryin : must have perished, if an to the spot and saved l rom head to foot, and at a word. Though his wet and great care was taken ill, and confined to his be Write to Dictation :-

School, Bridge, Said, Afraid.
Pause, Clothes, Several, Advice.

Also,

The boy said he was not afraid to pass over the bridge near the school. His clothes were wet. Several boys will not pause to take advice.

V.—A COLOURED GENTLEMAN.

Naugh'-ty, wicked. Häst'-ened, went fast. Om'-ni-bus, a large carriage. Roll'-ing, running. In-clined', disposed.
Grin'-ning, showing the teeth.
Shak'-ing, trembling.
Park, a place in London.



On a summer's day a family of children, whose parents had come up from the country for a few weeks in London, were sent with their nurse into one of the great Parks near which they were lodging. The nurse, who was a careless woman, R. II.

TENTLEMAN.

at on the grass under amuse herself with a 1 to play about as they sed to the country, and ed away without any

elly, the two elder chilhe little ones, but after it of the lake with the night they must run on hey set the two little inder a bush, and told they ran down to the

ng minute, for the lake seemed to be, and when ld not help staying to



till they came to the railings round the Park; but outside the Park there was a broad road, with carriages, and cabs, and omnibuses rolling along in a stream that never stopped.

Robby thought he could have got across himself, though he was a little afraid, but how to manage with Annie and Billy he could not see. They looked all round for nurse, but she was running about in a great fright seeking them quite in other directions.

Robby felt very much inclined to cry, as the little ones were doing, for everybody seemed in too great a hurry to notice them, or to help them across the crowded road; but just when he was at his wit's end a tall lad, with a black face. stopped and asked him what was the matter. Though Robby had never seen a black face before, yet it looked so good-natured, with its grinning mouth and white teeth, that Robby soon told what was the matter; and Sambo said it would be all right. He asked Robby the name of the street where they lived, and he told them he knew it quite well. Then he took up little Annie with her bare feet in his arms, and told the others to stick close to him; and so he got them safe across the road, and did not leave them till he saw them at their own door.

There they met the careless nurse, her eyes red with crying, and shaking all over with fear at having lost her children. She thanked Sambo

ENTLEMAN.

ie quickly ran away, Had he not shown 7 an errand-boy with true gentle-man than ide in the Park on

18.

e two elder ones go? Why ire the two little ones crying? no took them home?

nes.

UMNS.

dg'-ing. oats. urr'-iag-es. 'owd'-ed. Grin'-ning,

Pleas'-ant. Min'-ute. Man'-age.

Lodging. Directions.



"Thank you kindly," said a cherry,
"We would rather stay up here;
If we ventured down this morning,
You would eat us up, I fear."



One, the finest of the cherries,
Dangled from a slender twig;
"You are beautiful," said Freddie,
"Red and ripe, and oh, how big!"

"Catch me," said the cherry, "catch me, Little master, if you can."

"I would catch you soon," said Freddie,
"If I were a grown-up man,"

HERRY TREE.

to reach it, toes; out, d Freddie's nose.

e Freddie, hen it's right;" boldly, o-night."

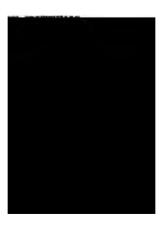
Aunt Effic's Rhy

Aunt Effie's Rhymes.

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Ventured. Toss.

ree, and the boy ventured ses.



after they were bor and could hardly st they got away from about in a very str up by its tiny tail cry; I told Tom it what the tail was fo question rather per see it in that light. to some joke, told guinea-pigs, for if v the tail, its eyes w should like to try my guinea-pigs, but among the whole lo why God had given not to others, and shapes and sizes. stand everything. Isn't baby delighted Puss all playing ar likes to stroke old little chubby hands, pinch her ears, or some children do. "Stroke away, baby and purrs at him. baby like ours. and beautiful; prettiest cat and

KITTENS.

Il sing a song about

boy!
iving toy;
iur,
ier purr,
her neck,
nottled back;
play,—
they?

oy!
ht with joy,
ens' pranks,
untebanks;
cat hide
side,
a foe,
hey go.



Kit'-tens. An'-tics. Pit'-i-ful. Ques'-tion.	READING COLUMNS. Per-plexed'. Guin'-ea-pigs. Ex-per'-i-ment. Crea'-tures.	Dif'-fer-ent. Chil'-dren. Pret'-ti-est. Moun'-te-banks.
Write to Dictation Pleasant,	:— Purr.	Grey.
Slily.	Mew.	Squeak.

It is pleasant to hear the grey cat purr. You can also hear it mew, and if you take it by the tail it will squeak. How slily it moves!

VIII.—MARY AND HER LITTLE FRIEND.

Or'-phan, one who has neither father nor mother.

Lone'-ly, by one's self.

Snatch'-ed, picked up.

Hop, jumped.
Kitch'-en, the food is cook
Com'-forts, che

Hop, jumped.

Kitch'-en, the room where the food is cooked.

Com'-forts, cheers.

MARY is a little orphan. Once she had a father and mother, who loved her very dearly; but it pleased God to take them away to a better world, and Mary was left alone. Mary cried very sadly at first; and though she does not sit down and weep day by day, as she used to do, yet her little heart is often very sad and lonely; and at night, when she lays her head down on her pillow, she often sobs herself to sleep. But Mary has not much time for sad thoughts in the day. She is a little servant-girl now, in a cottage with an old mistress, who is often very unkind to her, and makes Mary work far too hard for her strength, which is but that of a child, for she is only twelve years old. But Mary has her pleasures too, in spite of all her ot in his power to take away does his best to comfort her u ho do vou think this little frie ore nor less than a pretty ro ill tell you how Mary became er little pet. One day last wi m on the ground almost dead e frost had killed every little p ove the ground, and the eart ozen down too far for worms to id been quite covered with si any days. So poor little robin od in vain, and the cold had tle wings and feet, and at las oon the ground, and there he out to die. But Marv. who he to the cold garden by her mist rpets, though her poor little

a goldfinch had lately died; Mary put robin into this, and gave him both food and water. At first she shut the door, but the next day she left it open, and robin flew in and out as he liked. He was so tame that he would hop on the table and peck the loaf. Day by day he grew tamer, till at last he did not seem to care about going away at all. Mary left the door and window open, but he always stayed with her till the snow was gone; then he flew away, but often came back, as if to see how his kind friend got on. the summer he built his nest near the house; and now it is winter again, he comes to the window and takes crumbs from her hand; and as there is snow on the ground. I have no doubt he will once more come to live with Mary in the kitchen as before, and his song is so sweet it comforts Mary like her mother's voice.

What is Mary? What does she get acquainted with her little pet? do now? How does her mistress where did she find him? What often treat her? What is a great did she do with him? Where was pleasure to Mary? How did Mary | he put?

Tell the nouns in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.
Pil'-low. Strength.

Pil'-low.
Cot'-tage.
Thoughts.
Pleas'-ure.

Write to Dictation:

Strength.
Sor'-row-ful.
Friend.
Friend.
Tri'-als.
Friend.
Snatch'-ed.
Snatch'-ed.

Strength. Friend. Carpets.
Thoughts. Quite. Lately.

A friend of mine who had not much strength was sent to beat the carpets. Lately she felt quite ill, and had many sad thoughts.

HREE years ago I had a sparn present, which became so tame



When he was first brought to my shop I took him out of the cage into my hand, to show how tame he was; but he was not disposed to be so tame in a strange place, for the moment he caught sight of the open door he flew from my hand, through the shop, and alighted in the street about one hundred yards distant. We had, however, no difficulty in catching him again, for he let his old master take him up without attempting to fly away.

I kept him in his cage some time after that, now and then letting him out to fly about the room, when the doors and windows were closed; but he became so tame, and so used to us, that at last the cage was put away, the doors and windows were constantly being opened, and "Dick" was allowed to go just where he pleased. When the meals were brought in, Dick would fly on the table and help himself to what he thought best, and often fly on to the bread before we had time to place it on the table, and standing on the top of the loaf would reach his head over to peck a hole in the crumby part, which would mostly be large enough to bury himself in before he left it.

It was amusing to see him alone in the shop, perched in the window; and when a customer came in he would announce it by a "chirp," and fly on the counter, as if to see what was being sold. He would eat from a stranger's hand, and,

if he was not noticed, sometimes he would surprise him by alighting on his shoulder: but if a dog came in, he would fly into the room in the greatest flutter. He knew my voice when I returned from business, would fly into the shop to meet me, and ride into the parlour on my shoulder: and when the evenings were getting cold he would get snug inside my vest, or crouch down close to the warm teapot during tea, unless he was helping himself to milk or sugar, when he would hop from one to the other, and taste them alternately. At night he perched on the mantleshelf, and if any one disturbed him after he had gone to sleep he would show fight, but not stir an inch from his favourite place. At the break of day he would fly on to my head, and continue chirping until I awoke.

One day he did not make his appearance at dinner; but after calling him several times from the open window, I was surprised to see him come flying off a neighbouring roof, about fifty yards from the house. This visit he repeated several times afterwards, till at last a cat, that had been watching him for a long time, pounced upon him. The poor bird gave a cry of pain, and before we had time to get outside, the cat had carried him off, leaving us to mourn the loss of such an interesting and amusing pet.

A WONDERFUL

QUESTIC

What is a tame sparrow? Where did this sparrow fly about? What is was its name? What would Dick do when the meals were brought in? What did he do when a customer came into the shop? Where did he

Tell the nouns in the first ten

READING CO

Pres'-ent.
A-mus'ed.
Dif'-fi-cul-ty.
At-tempt'-ing.
Con'-stant-l'
Cus'-tom-er.
A-light'-ing.
Business (bi

Write to Dictation :--

Allowed. Peck.
Parlour. Business.

Also,

The sparrow was allowed to c it would continue for some time business it was very amusing to s a hole in the loaf.

X.—TO MY L

Crea'-ture, a living being. Pleas'-ant, agreeable.

LITTLE boy, with laughi Bright and blue as yond Come, and I will teach; Who it is that lives abo

It is God, who made the God who gave all create God who sees each spar God who reigns Great I

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BOY.

It breeze,
wers and trees;
ioy,
by.

love,
bve?

show.
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show, here below; send,

indest friend.

l look

will find,



suddenly heard on the stairs. Who could it be? The door flew open, and behold! there entered the bear—the huge shaggy beast, with his clanking chain.



Tired of standing so long in the yard alone, Bruin had at length found his way to the staircase. At first the little children were in a terrible fright at this unexpected visit, and each ran into a corner to hide himself. But the bear found them all out, and put his muzzle snuffing up to them, but did not harm them in the least. He must be a big dog, thought the children, and they began to stroke him familiarly.

CHILDREN.

out at his full length gest boy rolled over head in the shaggy the eldest boy went humped away on it supon the bear stood an to dance! ouldered his musket: one too, and he held soldier. There's a And away they 0 ! d, and the children's uld have seen her, cheeks white as a th horror! But the h a look of intense we are only playing Write to Dictation :-

Children, Stairs, Floor, Fixed, Inn. Chain, Stretched, Huge.

Also,

In an inn up stairs three little children were playing. A huge bear, with its clanking chain, entered the room. It stretched itself on the floor, and the children fixed their eyes upon it.

XII.—PETER THE WILD BOY.

Rel'-ish, enjoy.
Di'-et, food.
In-struct'-ors, teachers.
Sav'-age, a person in a wild state.

E-scape', flight. Con-ceal'ed, hid. Fol'-i-age, leaves. I-de'-as, notions.

PETER the wild boy was found in a wood near Hanover, walking on his hands and feet, feeding on grass and moss, and climbing trees like a squirrel When found he appeared to be about thirteen, and could not speak. He was brought to George I. at Hanover, who happened to be at dinner, and the king caused him to taste of all the dishes on the table, that he might learn to relish human diet, and wished him to have such instructors as became a human being.

But the poor little savage cared for nothing of the sort. He was very much frightened; and though he was very kindly treated, the boy soon made his escape into the same wood, and concealed himself in the thick follage of a tree, so that the branch had to be sawn down to get at the poor creature. This Peter had scarcely any

ideas of his own. He could not make out why he should wear clothes, and seemed very uncomfortable in them. Nothing could induce him to lie on a bed-he would tear the bed-clothes; but he sat or slept in a corner of the room, as though it had been a den. Poor fellow! I suppose he felt safer so, as he had been used to hide from wild beasts, and could not believe that he was now perfectly safe.

The strangest thing of all was, that this strange boy could not be taught to speak, though very many kind and learned men tried hard to teach him, to hear how it was that he had been found living the life of a wild animal; but he died young, and never told his sad story.

QUESTIONS.

Where was Peter the wild boy found? What was he doing? What did he feed on? How old did he seem to be? To whom was he brought? What did he cause him to taste? Why? Did he care for them? What did he continue to do? anxious to teach him to speak?

Tell the nouns in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Han'-o-ver.	Fol'-i-age.	Be-lieve'.
Squir'-rel.	Crea'-ture.	Per'-fect-ly.
Fright'-ened.	Scarce'-ly.	Clothes.
Treat'-ed.	Un-com'-fort-able.	An'-i-mal.
TT '1 4 TO' 1 1'		

Write to Dictation :-

THE DE LICENSTOIL .			
Walking.	Squirrel.	1	Wood.
Feeding.	Thirteen.		Sawn.

Also,

As I was walking in the wood, I saw thirteen squirrels feeding near a tree which had been sawn down.

XIII.—THE ROBIN'S FRIEND.

Farm-la'-bour-ers, workers on | Re-mained, stayed. a farm. Hop'-ping, jumping about. Beg'-ging, asking. Crumbs, morsels.

Re-lie'ved, supplied. Miss'ed, knew the want of. As-sist', help. Mor'-sel, a small piece of food.

Some farm-labourers in Cheshire were last winter working out in a field. When dinner-time came they all sat down to eat their food. A little



robin, that was very, very hungry and cold, came hopping about, begging for crumbs. No one gave it any; but as it was not driven away, the robin went coolly up to the dinner of one of the men, and began helping itself.

RIEND.

g thief!" said one.

man to whom the igry and cold, poor to eat as well as we uch as it wants. I

bin came again, and He fed it as long as of the country, and the bird, he never

ere, our little readers to think, that that cannot be much good ssist, if it lay in his gry robin. The best ready to help others, Write to Dictation :---

Crumbs. Coolly. Thief. Eat.

cold I would be glad to assist it to a morsel of my bread.

Morsel. Assist.

Also,
I would not call a robin a thief though it were to come coolly up on the table and eat some crumbs. When it is hungry and

XIV.—THE BLIND BOY.

Re-plied', answered.
Fra'-grant, sweet-smelling.
Shade, protection.
Notes, sounds in music.

Dis-ease', sickness.
Meek, gentle.
Sight'-less, without sight.
Fi'n-al, last.

"DEAR MARY," said the poor blind boy,
"That little bird sings very long;
Say, do you see him in his joy,
And is he pretty as his song?"

"Yes, Edward, yes," replied the maid;
"I see the bird on yonder tree."
The poor boy sighed, and gently said,
"Sister, I wish that I could see.

"The flowers, you say, are very fair,
And bright green leaves are on the trees,
And pretty birds are singing there—
How beautiful for one who sees!

"Yet I the fragrant flowers can smell, And I can feel the green leaf's shade, And I can hear the notes that swell From those dear birds that God has made.

"So, sister, God to me is kind,
Though sight, alas! He has not given;
But tell me, are there any blind
Among the children up in heaven?"

His widow'd mother wept, and That God would spare her sig

He felt her warm tears on his fa And said, "Oh, never weep fo I'm going to a better place, Where God my Saviour I sha

"And you'll be there, dear Mar But, mother, when you get up Tell me, dear mother, that 'tis y You know I never saw you h

He spoke no more, but sweetly
Until the final blow was give:
When God took up that poor bl
And opened first his eyes in 1
fell the nouns in the first two verses.

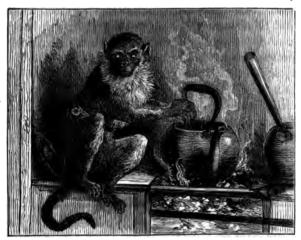
QUESTIONS.

hat is a blind boy? A deaf boy? could he humb boy? A lame boy? What the blind boy say to Mary? What did si did she answer? What did boy wish? What did Mark the blind boy wish?

XV.—MASTER MISCHIEF.

Sme'ared, soiled. Nim'bly, smartly. De-mu're, sedate. | Gri'm-y, very dirty. | Re-con-ci'led,made friends again. | Dis-gra'ced, dishonoured.

MANY, many years ago, when my grandpapa was quite a little boy, he sometimes went to stay with his aunt, and he often amused himself by



watching her monkey, that used to be up to all sorts of tricks.

As Jacko lived in the kitchen, he generally played off his fun on the maid-servants, and one day in particular he did a very knowing thing.

The tea-things had been set on the table ready for tea, and the two maids had put the kettle on

the side of the fire to boil whilst they went upstairs to dress and tidy themselves, leaving master Jacko sitting on his chair by the fire.

Grandpapa was outside the window, peeping in, as he often did, to watch the monkey.

Jacko sat still for a few minutes, and then he quietly got down, went to the fireplace, and rubbed his little hands on the black sooty outsides of the saucepans and kettles that stood there, and then smeared his face all over, till both hands and face were quite black; then he nimbly jumped up on to the hob, where it was not hot, took the lid off the kettle, which had not yet begun to boil, and washed his face and hands quite clean in the water inside. Then he put back the lid again, and went and sat on his chair, looking as good and demure as if butter would not melt in his mouth.

Presently one of the servants came down, and began to make the tea; but what was her surprise, in pouring out the water, to find it all black and grimy!

As soon as the other maid came, the one who had discovered the dirty water immediately began to scold her, saying, "Anne! just look at this water!"

"What's the matter with it?" asked Anne.

"Why, you've put dirty water in the kettle, or never cleaned it, or something!"

"What do you mean, Jane, a-talking to me like that? Me put dirty water in the kettle? Never!"

"Well, just look here, and tell me what you call this, I should like to know!"

Anne looked as Jane poured some of the dirty water into a clean white cup, and was greatly astonished, and very cross at being found fault with.

"Well I know I got it straight from the pump, where I get it every day; somebody must have put something into it, for I know I never did."

However, whilst fresh water was being put to boil, grandpapa, hearing the squabble in the kitchen, came in and told the whole story of how he had watched Master Jacko's trickery from the window; this reconciled everybody, but poor Jacko was disgraced, which I think he well deserved; don't you?

QUESTIONS.

When grandpapa was a little boy | On whom did he play off his fun? where did he stay? How did he Tell the trick he played one day. amuse himself? What was the name of the monkey? Where did he live?

Tell the nouns in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Watch'-ing. Min'-utes. Im
Mon'-key. Qui-'et-ly. Str
Kitch'-en. Sauce'-pans. Squ
Par-tic'-u-lar. Pres'-ent-ly. Tri

Im-me'-di-ate-ly. Straight, Squab'-ble. Trick'-er-v.

Write to Dictation :-

Quite. Aunt. Surprised. Nimbly. Quietly. Scold. Fault. Chair.

Also.

My aunt who was quietly sitting on a chair was quite surprised to see the monkey jump so nimbly from one place to another. She soon began to scold it because it had done some fault.

XVI.—THE FABLE OF THE RAIN-DROP.

De-pend', rely upon. Sup-port', maintenance. Droop'-ing, withering. Hill'-ock. a little hill.

Cheer, comfort. Start'-ed, set off. Er'-rand, message. Cea'sed, stopped.

THERE was once a farmer who had a large field of fine land; he ploughed it, and sowed it with corn, and weeded it with great care, as he had nothing else to depend on for the support of his wife and children. But after he had worked so hard, he saw the corn beginning to droop for want of rain, and he thought he should lose his crop. This made him very sad, and he went out every day to look at his corn, and see if there was any hope of rain.

One day, as he stood looking at the sky very sadly, two little rain-drops up in the clouds over his head saw him, and one said to the other, "Look at that poor farmer; I feel sorry for him; he has taken such pains with his field of corn, and now it is all drooping; I wish I could do him some good."

"Yes," said the other; "but you are only a little rain-drop; and what can you do? You can't wet even one hillock."

"Well," said the first, "to be sure I can't do much, but I can cheer the farmer a little, at any rate, and I mean to do my best. I'll try; I'll go to the field to showmy good-will, if I can do no more; so here I go."

And down went the rain-drop, and came pat on the farmer's nose, and then fell on one stalk of corn.

"Dear me." said the farmer. "what's that? A. rain-drop! Where did that come from? I do believe we shall have a shower."

The first rain-drop had no sooner started than the second one said, "Well, if you go, I'll go too;" so down it dropped, and fell on another stalk of corn. By this time a great many rain-drops had come up to hear what their friends were talking of. So when they heard them, and saw them . going to water the corn, and cheer the farmer's heart, one of them said, "If you are going on such a good errand, I'll go too." And down he came. "So will I"—"So will I"—said the others, till a whole shower of them came, and the corn ceased to droop, and grew, and got ripe, and all because the little rain-drop did what it could.

QUESTIONS.

What did the farmer do to his land? Why? What caused his corn to droop? What effect had this upon him? What did one little rain-drop say to another? What did the other say? What did the first then do?

Tell the nouns in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

roop -ing. a	ec'-ond.
ill'-ock. T	alk'-ing.
talk. E	r'-rand.
ield. C	ea'sed.
	lill'-ock. T talk. E

Write to Dictation :--

Care.	Sorry.	Field.	Believe.
Lose.	Sure.	Sooner.	Friends.

I am sure you will be sorry if you lose what you have got. Take care not to do so. My friends believe the corn in the fields will be sooner ripe this year than last.

LITTLE moments, he Golden wingéd, flitt Bearing many thing Into vast eternity!

Never do they wait
If completed is my t
Whether gathering g
Doing good or evil d
Onward haste they e
Adding all unto their

And the little momer Record, if we wake of Of our every thought For us all some time

Artists are the momer Ever painting somethi On the walls and in the Painting pictures ever

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And that pictures which they paint Have no background of complaint: So the Angel Memory May not blush for you and me!

Tell the nouns in the first two verses.

READING COLUMNS.

E-ter'-ni-ty. Com-ple't-ed. Rec'-ord. Art'-ists. Pict'-ures. Mem'-o-ry. E-ter'-nal-ly. Noise-less. Pleas'-ant. An'-gel.

XVIII.—THE STORY OF MY SQUIRREL.

TY-ny, small.
Porch, entrance to a building.
Shel'-tered, protected.
Tone, sound.
De-light', fondness.
Sul'-ky, cross.
Coax, flatter.
Grunt, sound of a hog.

Suc-see'd-ed, to be successful.
Per-sus'd-ed, induced.
Ri-dic'-u-lous, laughable.
Pine, wish for.
Sur-pri'se, astonishment.
Twig, a branch.
Cur'-tain, a covering.
Pleas'-ures, enjoyments.

I SHOULD like to tell you a story of a squirrel that once belonged to me. Some years ago a little boy who lived near my home caught it when it was quite young, and so tiny, that he used to keep it inside a warm glove, and let it sleep in his bed at night. When it grew stronger and older he gave it to me, and my mother bought a proper cage for it, made with wires going round and round, instead of straight up like a bird's cage, which we called the wheel, and a box at one end, full of hay for it to sleep in. In summer the cage

caned him, because she was a



"Poor de den" than anyther voice perfectly, and e of hay, sleeping, he woul she came near the cage, and round the wheel as or else hold out his parbrought him.

Not long after he can away from home on a v letter from our mother to she had been quite unha he would not eat anythin and sat all day in his n and when she went up t coax him to eat, she or angry grunt, as if he was her to go away; and she he would die of hunger efforts, she succeeded in 1 sister's voice, and poor li persuaded then to creep fed once more. He was t and the way in which he round the wheel was the ever saw, and would have as it did me. I used to having been taken from reason that he never s woods and trees, and s happy.

R. II.

to the should get out of the he ; last my sister came into the w moments Twirry made a rusl her dress, and into her arms, em round him, she carried him id him down in the hav. ally troubled us about poor Twi r he felt the cold very much; rught him a piece of flannel, a x, and to our surprise and ami and put it on like a shawl, and lite well that it was meant to k Well. I have not much more t wirry. One cold afternoon in I was sitting alone upstairs, to the room crying. She had rge thick shawl, and something id presently she unfolded it, and in little hader were sold and at

The next day we took him to a man who stuffed animals. We would not have Twirry put to climb up a twig, because, for one reason, he had never known what it was to climb: but he was put to lie on a bed of moss, with his head resting on his paw, and his tail curled round him, and his eyes closed as if asleep, and a bell-glass over him; and the little stand was placed on a table in our bed-room. And in my bed-room it is still, for though we moved to another house some years afterwards, Twirry followed us, and I can see him now while I am writing. His table stands near my bed, and sometimes in the summer, when the curtain is drawn quite back because of the heat, the first thing I see when I open my eyes in the bright early morning is Twirry in his mossy nest.

We are soon going to leave this house, but wherever we may go, I think we shall never part with Twirry, because he reminds us of the merry days of our childhood, and of the pleasures that we knew in our dear old home.

QUESTIONS.

Who caught the little squirrel? Where did he keep it? Where was it put when it grew older? How was the cage made? Where did the cage stand in summer? Where in winter? What was the name of the squirrel? What did it get to eat? What at last happened to when sister came into the room? What was done to keep it what did mother say in a letter about the squirrel? Why would it not play as before? What was mother afraid of? How did she

Tell the nouns in the first fifteen lines,

Write to Dictation :-

Caught. Afraid. Sugar. Biscuits. P

Also.

When I caught the squirrel it wa it home and gave it sugar and biscu in its box to keep it warm; but one I was terribly frightened lest it shou be lost.

XIX.-A BOLD BOY A

Quar'-rel, disturbance.
Mis'-chief, harm.
Cow'-ard, one who wants
courage.
Res'-son, cause.

Two boys were one day goi

The younger went straight home, and next day as he was going to school some of the other boys met him, and laughed at him a great deal, for not going to the fight. But he did not mind them much, as he had no reason to be ashamed of what he had done; and he knew that true courage was shown most in bearing blame when it is not deserved.



A few days after, these boys were all bathing, when one of them got into deep water, and began to drown. The boys were all afraid to go

clothes, and jumping into the verthe boy in time, and by great eto shore.

The other boys were now and confessed he had more conthem.

QUESTIONS.

Where were the two boys going? How did What did the bigger one call out? What did the other say? What was this boy called? When the younger boy was going to school next day, saved the who met him? What did they do?

Tell the nouns in the first fifteen line

READING COLUMN

Quar'-rel. Mis'-chief. Cow'-ard. Straight. Laughed'. Cour'-age. Bear'-ing. De-served'.

XX.—THE SKYLARK.

Pleas'-ant, agreeable. Early day, morning. Beau'-ti-ful, pretty. Search, look for. Sett'-led, rested. Thank'-ful, grateful.

It is a pleasant thing
To walk at early day,
To see the pretty flowers,
And smell the sweet new hay.

The sun is warm and bright,
The sky is clear and blue;
And all the trees and flowers
Are wet with drops of dew.

Hush! don't you hear the bird That's singing in the sky? No bird except the lark Would fly so very high.

It left its little nest
When day had just begun,
And flew so high to bid
Good morning to the sun.

"Good morning, shining sun,"
I think the lark would say;
"I'm happy in my heart
This fine warm summer day.

"I'm very glad you're come, You make the world so light, And all the trees and flowers So beautiful and bright.

"I'll sing a merry song, And then fly down to rest, And when our hearts a In long, bright sum: To God in Heaven we Our songs and hymi

God loves each thing I However weak and But glad and thankful He loves the best of

QUESTIONS.

When is it pleasant to walk? The sky What is it pleasant then to see? To smell? What is said about the sun? ing? W

Tell the nouns in the first four verses

REVISAL OF WORD E

Write to dictation the following we are nouns, and tell the meaning of thos Amuse, aunts, afraid, antics, announing, alighting, appearance. amusing.

Either, experiment, eternal, escape, errand, eternity, exactly, effort.

Friends, fellow, family, father, frolicsome, favourite, familiarly, fetched, floor, foliage, frightened, farm-labourers, fragrant, final, flowers, fair, field, flitting, frown, flannel.

Guess, grinning, glorious, grimy, grunt. Hastened, huge, hopping, heaven, hillock.

Inclined, interesting, intense, instructors, ideas, immediately. Kitchen.

Lawn, litter, lodging, loaf, lose, laughed.

Minutes, manage, meals, mourn, muzzle, musket, missed, morsel, meek, monkey, memory, merriest, mischief, mottled.

Nurse, nice, notice, noise, naughty, noticed, notes, nimbly, noiseless.

Omnibus. Petted, play-fellows, prettier, pleased, puzzled, peep, park, parents, pleasant, perplexed, perched, pounced, parlour, please, people, pleasures, particular, presently, ploughed, pictures, porch, persuaded, pine, perfectly.

Quite, quiet, quietly, quarrel.

Remember, river, rolling, railings, reared, receive, regions, relish, remained, relieved, readers, replied, reconciled, record,

ridiculous, reason.

Sure, socks, stopped, slap, scratch, shaking, slender, several, shaggy, suddenly, stair-case, stretched, speechless, soldier, savage, scarcely, squirrel, sawn, stopping, shade, sightless, sighed, said, smeared, sauce-pans, straight, squabble, scold, support, started, sowed, stalk, record, sooner, sheltered, sulky, succeeded, surprise, sugar, scolding, search, settled:

Trotted, tiny, tail, talked, twig, toes, tottering, terrible, terror, thirteen, thief, trickery, talking, tone, thankful.

Useless, unexpected, uncomfortable.

Ventured, visit.

Whistle, whereupon, welcome, watching, wrapped.

Supply the proper word in the following exercises :-

Ail. Ale.	Drinking	too much	will ca	use you to	
	When the	e shoemaker lo	st his	, he lost	ho
An. Ann.] I saw	give away	app	le for a pear.	
Be. Bee,	} We show	ıld all try to	ed as	asy sa the	•

you run away he gave you a vill you some pretty toys. e when the grass is wet with ive you your.

teeth yesterday.

ity I paid so much for the

last night with a stick.

iends the

to say you do not

to house was no person

felt very



SECTION

XXI.-JAMES AN

Dis-po-si'-tions, temper.	, M
Ob-served', noticed.	R
Ap-proach', arrival.	A
Pre-vent'-ed, hindered.	W
Grieve, vex.	D

JAMES and Robert were b about seven years of age, as five. James was a boy of dispositions. Robert was being younger, he had less wrong. One day, these to into the fields. As they observed a bird's nest in a bird, which was sitting in their approach, and when saw three young ones, whi feeding. Robert wished to out, and carry them home: him. "Papa," he said, "tol is wrong to rob birds' nests. young ones just as much as love us. When their little they grieve as much for t mama would grieve, if any to come to our house, and t little babies. Besides, young under a mother's care; and they almost always die n

JAMES AND ROBERT.

ter to let the poor bird home in her nest, till the ke care of themselves." of this before; but he no wrong to give so much he resolved to follow his h pened that their father wa he hedge, where he hear nad said. He now came them that they had been zed them more than he ha said that boys who could young ones, showed that d were likely to be more cr lelighted to think that h dy felt it to be wrong to r

QUESTIONS.

the names of the two | How many yegs? What kind of a | nest? What

XXII.—A STORY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Path, road.
Tun'-nel, an opening.
Puzzled, perplexed.
Game, sport.
Mound, a heap of sand.
Deck'ed, adorned.

Bord'-ar, edge.
Peb'-bles, small stones.
Al'-ter-ing, changing.
In-vit'-ed, asked.
Vis'-it-ors, those who visit.
Se'-cret, something not known.

THE day after the next day soon came, and the twins and their two little brothers, Willie and Edward, went to Katie's house to tea. Katie ran to meet them as soon as she saw them coming across the park.

"Oh," she said, "I am so glad you are come. Do come and see what father has given me. A whole cart-load of sand!"

"A cart-load of sand!" cried all the little party at once. "What can you want that for?"

"Ah, come and see; and I will tell you all about it as we go along."

So Kate took one of little Eddy's hands and one of Mabel's, and they all joined in a long row and made haste, while Kate went on talking.

"You must know it was all father's thought. I was very sorry when he told me that we were not going to the sea-side this year, and I said it is the digging in the sand that I like most of all."

"And so do I,—and I,—and I," her little friends put in; "we are never tired of building, and digging, and making things with sand."

PEOPLE.

not see why the if we cannot go to rrow morning, my

window at twelve nd cart, and man in out I found a great broad walk; and I esterday; and now see! Shut all your

up one path and ng them where they ht for a little time, e they often played they were told to lt almost as if they



clean, and very safe, all the afternoon. The smallest of the dolls too were invited to the sand castle; and they looked so pretty, popping their heads out of the windows, or sitting on benches in the sand garden.

As the little visitors walked home in the evening, Mabel said, "Katy's father can give her a cart-load of sand, but we cannot have such a thing."

"Oh," said Amy, "we shall manage some how, I dare say."

"It would be useful in the garden after we had done with it," said Willie, who was a thoughtful little boy.

"If we had only a little, it would be very nice to play with," said Eddie.

"Yes; we could make tunnels and things, in even a little heap," said Willie; "and, oh! I do believe I know how we can get quite a lot! I shall keep it a secret. But I will tell you, Eddy, of course."

Mabel and Amy were quite used to the two little boys having a grand secret, and they said they would wait till it was all done to be told.

Willie and Eddie were two very happy little boys; and the great secret of their happiness was that they were two good little boys. They played together hour after hour, and day after day, without any of those silly, naughty ways of

3 PEOPLE.

One gave up to the lo so, and each was lid. A grand secret ly!

did the children see in the ? Tell the rest of the story own words,

nes.

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Man'-age. Thought'-ful. Hap'-pi-ness. Naugh'-ty.

tle. Nice.



Perhaps at play I made a noise, When bidden to refrain, Or quarrelled o'er my childish toys With little sister Jane.

'Tis very wrong, indeed, I know, So troublesome to be; The more, to one who loves me so, And is so kind to me.

When I was sick, how close she kept Beside my little bed, And smoothed the pillow when I slept, To ease my aching head.

Her constant kindness and her care
. I never can repay:
How can I grieve her then, or dare
Her word to disobey?

I'll go at once, my fault confess, And pardon, too, implore; I'll mind in future what she says, And never vex her more.

Tell the nouns in the lesson.

READING COLUMNS.

Caus'ed. | Child'-ish. | Grieve. | Par'-doi Per-haps'. | Smooth'ed. | Fault. | Fu'-ture Noise. | Con'-stant. | Ease. | Wrong.

Commit to memory the following Proverbs.

Simple diet, healthy children. He that wants health, wants everything. Sleep without supping, and wake without owing.

SENSES.

ens, softens.
nds', goes down.
our, smell.
-ties, properties.
ts, substances.

on his feet. His
He has two arms
of things with his
est on the ground.
I to the left. The
Ill. Upon it is the
he brain, which is
bone. This box
the face are seen
hin; and on each
hit by means of the
om the air and too

the food under the teeth, and at the same time the saliva moistens it; it descends afterwards into the throat, and thence into the stomach. While food is in the mouth, the tongue and the palate feel the flavour of it. The mouth serves also for speaking; the voice comes from the lungs; the mouth, the lips, the tongue, the teeth, and the palate, form speech. Man perceives smell by his nose; tastes by his tongue; with his ears he hears sounds; with his eyes he sees the colour, form, and motion of bodies; with his skin he feels them. All these means of perceiving the qualities of objects are called the senses. Thus man has five senses—sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch.

QUESTIONS.

What is the use of a man's feet? we see on the face? What is the Where is his head placed? What does he take hold of things with? where do the soles of his feet rest? What turns to the right and left? What is the use of the eyelids? What are the with? what is the top of his head called? What is the top of his head called? What is within the skull? What do | the names of the five senses.

Tell the nouns in the first twenty lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Should'-ers.	Pal'-ate.	! Speech.
Skull.	Tongue.	Tastes.
A-gainst'.	Rān'ged.	Col'-our.
High'-er.	Throat.	Mo'-tion
Nos'-trils.	Stom'-ach.	Sen'-ses.
Mov'-able.	Voice.	Touch.

Write to Dictation :-

Soles.	Nostrils.	Moistens.	Flavour.
Nose.	Tongue.	Palate.	Throat.

Also. The soles of my feet rest on the ground. The nose has two holes called nostrils. The tongue and the palate feel the flavour of the food while it is in the mouth. The saliva moistens our food, after which it descends into the throat.

i, organs of breathing in sh.
'-low, not deep.
is, small streams.
uires', needs.

g on the bank of a d a long rod, from down a long line



friends. The fishes which trout, and are very good to ever, many different kinds and in the sea. Those the sometimes caught with hool large nets. They are either s they have been pickled wil caught in the sea with ne been salted and hung up they turn red, and are the Fishes cannot live in the a soon after they are taken or swim and move about fro waving their fins and ta swimming they suck in mouths, and let it out throu which are called gills. Tho used for food are herrings, s and whitings. The largest the white shark, which is that it has been known to body, cutting it in two at c fish is the minnow, which I in the shallow parts of rive

The whale is often call lives in the sea; but it that it requires to come breathe the air, and has wa have cold blood, and do not breathe.

Len the nouns in the first twenty

Write to Dictation :-

Caught. Trout. Salmon. Whitings.

I saw a boy who caught some trous and gave to his friends. Salmon as food. The whale requires to come about

XXVI.-THE CHILD AN

Spark'-ling, shining.
Glid'-ing, moving along.
Course, way.
Source, spring.

Re-fiv
Nur'-t
Blithe
Pur-si

CHILD.

Car

BEAUTIFUL rill,
Sparkling and bright
Gliding so still
From morn to night,
Who taught thee to flow

'Midst the grass and the flowers, So gentle and still.

And this is the place
For me to do good:
At the foot of the hill,
In the shade of the wood,
I water the herds;
I refresh the tall trees;
I nurture the flowers,
And cool every breeze.

And if, my dear child,
God e'er fixes your lot
At the foot of the hill,
Come, oh, come to this spot.
Hear the beautiful birds
Sing among the thick bowers,
And see the blithe bees
Sipping sweets from the flowers.

See what beauty and love,
And what happiness too,
Spring up by my side,
And your pathway pursue:
Nor sigh to be great,
Like the ocean or flood;
But, like the small rill,
Be content to do good.

QUESTIONS.

What is a rill? What does the the answer? What good does the child call it? What question does rill do? What are some of the the child ask at the rill? What is | things to be seen round about the rill? Tell the nouns in the lesson.

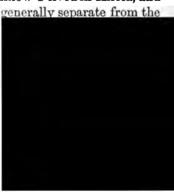
READING COLUMNS.

Beau'-ti-ful. Taught. Or'-dered. Gen'-tle. Breeze. Hap'-pi-ness. Besu'-ty. O'-oesn. Bigh.

LITTLE KITTENS, TONY ID TOM.

Man'-aged, succeeded.
Cap'-tured, laid hold of.
E-scape', flight.
Plaint'-ive-ly, mournfully.
Lo'-cust, an insect.
So-ci'-e-ty, company.

, and very much alike, for ey were soft and fat, with l they wore scarlet or blue ecks, which made them look l my two little pussy-cats can scarcely tell you how sing one on each side of the ed from the house to the know I lived in Africa, and



given to him, and he longed to give pussies a ride, which he found it a very difficult thing to do; for if he managed to put Tom in safely, by the time he captured Tony. Master Tom was nowhere to be seen. Putting Tony in the barrow, he would go in search of the runaway, and then of course Tony made his escape. So the mother went to help and put both in at once. After very few lessons they sat gravely side by side in the wheel-barrow whilst they were drawn up and down the garden, and behaved very well so long as their mistress was in sight; but I don't think they enjoyed it very much—kittens prefer scampering about to riding in a carriage. Every morning they came into my room to see me as soon as the door was opened, walking round me and purring; and when I was ill and was taken into the next house, my own being shut up, I was told it was quite a pitiful sight to see them sitting on the doorstep so patiently for hours every day, and plaintively mewing at the closed door. When I was well enough I was taken to an open window to look at them. Leaning out I saw my two little pets as I had been told. I made the little call "Risp, risp," to which they had always answered, and at once both little heads were turned to me, and when they saw where I was they began such a mewing as I had never heard. There was a high wall between the two houses, but they came round the stables to pay me a visit,)NY AND TOM.

lthough there was i cat who spit and ing manner whenorner. One of my and Tom, and I ; floor eating his on each shoulder. the other a taste. i, he would get a its in Africa catch las mice. I have shing in, one with sking out at each who, not having ous to go shares. rom the intentions ; so, after playing

sent me word that he is very well and very good, and is no longer a kitten.

QUESTIONS.

What made the kittens look very smart? Where did they sometimes sit? What was their hiding-place? What was the little boy anxious to give the kittens? in what? What made this a difficult matter? What

do cats do when they are pleased? When they are angry? What do cats catch? What else? What do they do with them? Where were the kittens left?

ABOUT ADJECTIVES.—An adjective is a word used with a noun; thus,—pretty kittens, grey coats, blue ribbons—pretty, grey, and blue are called adjectives, because they are used with the nouns kittens, coats, and ribbons.

Tell the adjectives, and the nouns they are used with, in

the first ten lines of the lesson.

READING COLUMNS.

Scar'-let.	Wheel'-bar-row.	Por'-ridge.
Rib'sbons.	Carr'-iage.	Ne-glect'-ed.
Scarce'-ly.	Pit'-i-ful.	Growl'-ing.
Door'-way.	Pa'-tient-ly.	An'-xious.
Ti'-gers.	Mew'-ing.	In-ten'-tions.
Fun'-ni-est.	An'-swered.	Gov'-ern-ment.
Search.	Ap-peared'.	Grave'-ly.

Write to Dictation :-

Managed. Kittens.	Wheelbarrow.	Scarcely. Prefer.		Scampering. Carriage.
ALL DUCKES,	/ ~	(× 10101.	•	

Also.

I managed to put my kittens in a wheelbarrow and give them a ride, but it was a difficult matter, as, I need scarcely tell you, they prefer scampering about to riding in a carriage.

Commit to memory the following Proverbs.

By doing nothing we learn to do ill.

Better to live well than long.

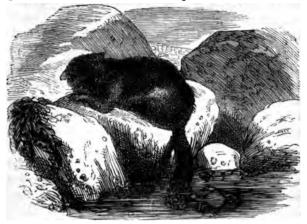
Believe not all you hear, and report not all you believe.

Beware of the geese when the fox preaches. A fop is the tailor's friend and his own foe...

IES OF THE FOX.

Draught, drink.
Ob-tain'-ing, getting.
Taint'-ed, infected.
Re-peat'-ed, did over again.
Peas'-ant, a countryman.
Po-si'-tion, attitude.
Im-mers'ed, put into water

he cunning of the fox. A at in a stable-yard was on h several of the dogs; but he cats to come near him. hell, and the odour arising ispleasing to them; they y spot where the fox had but at as great a distance. The fox soon saw the discompany, so he made use against one of the pails; the milk immediately was so tainted with the smell of the fox, that the dairymaid did not venture to take it into the house; so she poured it out into a vessel and gave it to the fox. He repeated this several



times with success; but the spoiled milk having been given to the pigs, he left off troubling himself about it.

A cunning fox has been seen fishing for crabs. And how do you think he set about it? Why, he let down the end of his tail into the shallow water among the rocks on the sea shore; and as often as the silly crabs seized this curious bait, he hauled them up and devoured them.

One day a peasant, finding a fox plundering a farm-yard, struck it with such force that he

thought he had killed it. So he took it up by the tail, and slung it across his back, with the intention of carrying it home. While he was trudging along, the fox, finding hanging by the tail not the most comfortable position, gave the man's leg a sharp bite. The astonished peasant at once let go his hold of the fox, which scampered off, leaving the man in a state of fright and pain.

On one occasion a fox, hard pushed by the hounds, suddenly disappeared, and was, after a long search, found immersed in a pool of water up to the very snout, by which he held a willow branch which hung over the pool.

QUESTIONS.

Where was a tame fox once kept? What do you mean by "friendly terms"? What animals would not come near the fox? Why? What did a fox once take to fish for crabs? Tell the story about a fox once thus deprived of their milk? What was done to pre-

Tell the adjectives and nouns in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Friend'-ly.	De-priv'ed.	Suc-cess'.
Dis-pleas'-ing.	Dis-cov'ered.	Shal'-low.
Pos'-si-ble.	Dai'-ry-maid.	Cu'-ri-ous.
Know'-ledge.	Im-me'-di-ate-ly.	· Trudg'-ing.
Break'-fasts.	Man'-aged.	As-ton'-ished
Sau'-cer.	Sev'-er-al.	Oc-ca'-sion.

Write to Dictation :-

Seized.	Disappeared.	Arising.	Tail.
Suddenly.	Odour.	Displeasing.	Off.

Also.

The dogs seized the fox by the tail, but it got off and suddenly disappeared. The odour arising from the body of the fox was displeasing to the cats.

XXIX.—NELSON.

Guard, watch.
Ad-mir'ed, thought much of.
Sav-age, wild.
Un-cer'-tain, not to be trusted.
Tempt-a'-tion, enticement.
Ne-gleev, disobey.
Ex-cite'-ment, state of being roused.

Cau'-tion, warning.
Re-col-lect', remember.
An'-tics, strange movements.
Hu'-mour, temper.
Op-er-a'-tion, process.
De-cid'-ed, resolved.
Dis-fig'-ured, deformed.

THE "Nelson" of my story was a great black Newfoundland dog, that my father had lately bought, and which was kept chained up in the vard to guard the house. He was a handsome fellow, and every one admired him; but he was savage and uncertain in his temper, and I had been warned not to go near him. And while I was alone I felt no temptation to neglect the warning; but a little friend of mine, who was very fond of dogs, and indeed of animals of all kinds, came with his sister, soon after Nelson's purchase, to spend a week with us; and then, led away by the excitement of her company, I quite forgot my father's caution, and played with Nell —the short name we used for Nelson—just as I saw Bessie doing.

But my mother, seeing us close by his kennel one day, gave a strict command:—

"Now, children, understand, I forbid you to go near that dog; he is scarcely used to us yet, and his temper is not to be trusted. Don't let me see you there again."

since then—and bessie and i for afternoon service: and, wh for the elder people to join into the yard, and began to jumped about and wagged hi and gave us such a welcome how it was, nor how we c mother's bidding—we were be moment, patting his head, as Neither can I tell antics humour-whether we chanced way with the plate from which his dinner, or if Bessie's little in his long hair; but all at or of the moment!—he gave a child's arm, and I saw the bloc her sleeve over her white s cry out or make any fuss; 1 1..... --11:--- ---- 11:-- D---

stitching began. As Nell was in good health, it was not thought needful to cleanse the wound by burning, which was a great relief to every one, as the pain of the stitching and so on was quite enough without anything further. Of course I was not allowed to stay in the room; but I heard afterwards how bravely Bessie behaved throughout, and I felt very proud of my friend. sister—a grown-up young lady—sat reading to her all the time; and Bessie hardly winced or shed a tear; only entreating, as my father proposed, that Nell might not be shot; or, if indeed it was decided that he must be, that at least she might have his tail!

Nell was not shot after all: but he was sent away to some one who had no children, and who valued the dog, in spite of his bad temper, for his beauty and good qualities as a house-dog. And the lesson we had learned was one not easily to be forgotten; for years afterwards the ugly scar disfigured poor Bessie's arm; and I never saw the place without a shudder at the thought of that Sunday afternoon, and a sharp reminder of what might come of disobedience.

QUESTIONS.

What was Nelson? Where was it kept? What kind of a temper had it? What warning was given on that account? What made me forget my father's warning? Tell what happened on a Sunday. | Who had to be sent for? What happened was given on the shot? Where was he sent? What lesson should young people what happened on a Sunday. | learn from this story?

Tell the adjectives and nouns in the first ten lines. R. II.

LUMNS.

Cleanse. E-nough'.

Re-lief'.
led. En-treat'-ing.

Qual'-i-ties.
l-ly. Dis-o-be'-dience.

Animal. Service. Perfectly. Meddle.

ed has many good qualities. now perfectly well it will be n must not meddle with it.

VITH FLOWERS.

ch'-o, a sound that comes back. re'-cious, of great worth. eas'-on, time. lid'-ed, moved on,



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And wished, but wished in vain, that she Her pretty flowers had kept.

The stream refused to hear her cry, "Give back my flowers"—it glided by.

And yet again her little plaint
Fell sadly on my ear;
It pained me much to see her grief,
Her useless cry to hear.
For only echo caught the strain,
"Give me back my pretty flowers again."

And thus have children of the loss
Of golden hours to mourn;
The opportunities they lose
Will never more return.
Dear little ones! seek Christ to-day,
For days of grace soon pass away.

The stream of time is flowing fast;
Oh, see that you improve
The precious season you enjoy,
To serve the God of love;
Else soon your bitter cry may be,
"Give back, give back my hours to me."

QUESTIONS.

Where was the child sitting? What doing? What had she in her hands? What did she do with them? Why? What should children learn from this lesson?

Tell the adjectives and nouns in the first two verses.

READING COLUMNS.

Smil'-ing-ly.	Clap'ped.	Grief.	Mourn.
Pret'-ty.	Threw.	Use'-less.	Im-prove'.
A-non'.	Re-füs'ed,	Caught,	Pre'-cious.

Write to Dictation:—

Children who do not improve the passing hour, may, like the little maiden, be found crying and saying, "Give back, give back my hours to me," THERE is an old proverb, as that "Time and tide wait on

That means, if a man has t ing his condition, and lets may never come again.

Perhaps a vessel can only turn of the tide, and if the ca that precious moment, the vessel has to be left behind not wait, nor the time eith seasons when our motto wo some one, when it would be a a minute:—

When you are about to n Your blood is up, and you thing. But don't do it. To off if you have a little patien

When you are going to spread a report about your neighbour. It will do him harm, and you do not know whether it is true. You have not had time to search into the matter. And vet the tale is on your tongue. But you had better not. Wait a minute.

That minute waited will often save you from evil. It may give your passion time to cool. You may be able to put up a secret prayer, 'Lead me not into temptation." You may call to mind the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."

Stop, then, on the brink of wrong-doing, if you have been foolish enough to get so far.

A horseman once rode to the very edge of a precipice. A minute more, and he expected to be dashed to pieces; but the horse backed in that one minute, and he was saved.

It is far wiser to keep at a distance from temptation, and wiser still to place yourself every day under the guidance and protection of God's Holy Spirit. He will hold in check the sinful desires of your heart, and enable you to overcome them.

QUESTIONS.

Repeat the proverb. What does it mean? What about the captain and the turn of the tide? What do you mean by telling tales about our neighbour? Repeat the prayer we should often put up. Tell what mean by "grievous words"? Who tempts us to lie or steal? What should we do when thus tempted? What? Who is our neighbour? What we every day place ourselves?

Tell the adjectives and nouns in the first ten lines.

write to Dictation :-

Tempted.

Irritation.

Also,

When tempted to lie or steal, Never make an angry reply, for th have a little patience. Grievous w people get into a passion, and ofte tongue.

XXXII.-A GOOD SABBA

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Boune'-ing, leaping, With-drew', pulled back. Pok'-ed, pushed. Grim, dirty. Con'-duct, behaviour.

Our Thomas dropped a fine front window, which rolled railing, between the grass-Thomas forcet to rich it. and stopped, looking very hard at it; then put her hands through the rails, and tried to reach it. Her fingers just touched it. She looked around; a man was coming down the street. The girl withdrew her hand and went away.

A ragged little fellow came by soon after. "That boy will steal the apple," I said to myself, peeping through the blinds. His bright eye at once caught sight of it, and he stopped. After looking at it a moment, he ran across the street and picked up a stick. He poked it through the rails, and drew the apple near enough to pick it up. Turning it over in his grim hands, I could not help seeing how he longed to eat it. Did he pocket it and run? No. He came up the steps and rang the door bell. I went to the door.

"I found this big apple in your front garden," said the boy; "and I thought maybe you had dropped it out, and didn't know it was there; so I picked it up and have brought it to you."

"Why did you not eat it?"

"Oh!" said he, "it is not mine."

"It was almost in the street," said I, "where it would have been hard to find its owner."

"Almost is not quite," replied the boy; "which, Mr. Curtis says, makes all the difference in the world."

"Who is Mr. Curtis?"

"My Sabbath school teacher. He has explained

boys. What is your name s

He told me. I need not tell I think you will agree with right sort of a Sabbath school s his conduct by the faithful Ch which he gets there.

OUESTIONS.

Where was the apple dropped from? What is the "front window"? Where did it roll to? Who observed the apple? What did one of them say? What did the other say? Who next saw the apple? What did she do? Who came by soon after? What does

Tell the adjectives and nouns in the

READING COLUMN

Rail'-ing. Whisp'-er. Fing'-ers. Touch'-ed. Caught. Pock'-et.

Pick'-ed. Own'-er. Quite. Re-pli'ed. Dif'-fer-ence. Teach'-er.

REVISAL OF WORD EXERCISES.

Write to Dictation the following words, underline the nouns and adjectives, and tell the meaning of those in italics:-

Apparel, advice, across, approach, altering, afternoon, against, answered, appeared, anxious, allowance, astonished, antics, animals, anon, accept.

Border, bridges, buckets, broad, bait, burns, breathe, blithe,

breeze, beauty, breakfast, bouncing.

Cruel, castle, colour, caught, carried, course, captured, carriage, company, curious, caution, cleanse, clapped, condition, captain, commandment, conduct, Christian.

Disposition, delighted, decked, digging, dolls, descends, different, difficulty, doorway, distaste, defiled, draught, displeasing, deprived, discovered, dairy-maid, decided, disfigured, dreadfully, disobedience, dropped, difference.

Enclosed, erect, escape, excite, entangled, enough, entreating,

echo, enable, explained.

Flavour, fault, fins, friends, funniest, friendly, fingers, faithful.

Grieve, game, gills, gliding, gentle, growling, government, gravely, guard, gazed, grief, grievous, guidance, grim.

Hedge, happiness, higher, humour, handsome, horseman,

honest.

Invited, intentions, induce, immersed, improve, immediately, instruction.

Kittens, knowledge, kennel.

Locust, lately, laughing, launched.

Miserably, mound, manage, moistens, movable, motion, movements, managed, mewing, meddle, maiden, mourn, motto, minute.

Naughty, nice, noise, nostrils, nurture, neglected, neighbour. Observed, oftener, objects, ocean, odour, obtaining, occasion,

operation, opportunities, owner.

Prevented, parents, pain, path, puzzled, pebbles, played, perceived, palate, pickled, pursue, peeping, plaintively, pitiful, patiently, porridge, prefer, pleasant, position, possible, purchase, perfectly, plaint, precious, pretty, proverb, precipice, patience, passion, protection, poked, pocket, picked.

Qualities, quite, quiet.

Resolved, ranged, requires, refresh, ribbons, repeated, recollect, relief, refused, reflect, report, replied, railing, ragged.

Sense, said, secret, sorry, smallest, secures, shelter, saliva, smoothed, shoulders, skull, stomach, speech, skallow, salmon, sparkling, source, separate, society, scampered, scarlet, scarcely. EXERCISES.

ed, savage, service, sleeve, acher, tunnel, thoughtful, tigers, trudging, threw.

ngs, wheelbarrow, whole-

following exercises:—
to boy did him much
to his father would not allow
r was laid the mark of
tas distinctly seen.
growing by the sea
much into the river.

ough the

, if you allow the crumbs of e carpet.



Fined. Find.	You will that I am quite right in saying, the man twenty shillings.
Fourth. Forth.	The ship entered the Firth of on the twenty- of February.
Foul. Fowl.	I do not like to see any one eating a roasted with hands.
Groan. Grown.	The old man has so ill that you may hear him at a great distance.
Here. Hear.	So long as you stand no one can what you say.
Hymn. Him.	The which I heard sing was very beautiful.
Not. Knot.	The joiner did know that there was any in the wood.
Lead. Led.	The guide round-about way to the mines.
Made. Maid.	The of the house us very comfortable.
One. Won.	The boy who the race was the I thought would do so.
Pail. Pale.	The girl turned quite when she returned with her of water.
Piece. Peace.	Give the child a of bread to make him hold his
Sail. Sale.	At the yesterday I bought a for my boat.
Some. Sum.	Buy me books, but do not give too large a for them.
Through Threw.	The stone which the boy went right the window.
Wait. Weight.	If you a little longer I will tell you the of your hay.
Wood. Would.	I take a walk through the but it is now too late.
Waive. Wave.	I shall the opinion I had formed on the force of the which struck the boat and caused it to upset.
Wright. Write.	It is seldom you meet with a who is unable to his own name.

WHIP BEHIND.

SECTION III.

XXXIII.-WHIP BEHIN

too much regard | Suf'-fer-ing, I | Sym'-pa-thy, | Taunt'-ing, m | Fa'-vour, kin | Dis-po-si'-tion | Pleas'ure, en

long the streets of a lar I saw an instance of a in a little boy, which I could not learn the boy ience, I shall call him is ch a savage temper.

age was passing by, th

Two boys were runn of sight of the driver, an em succeeded in getting

and never went up to him, pathy, but stood on the side "You got it—I am glad of

What made Savage cry of It was not because he tho business there, nor because driver a favour; for he wou if he could have done it; but mean and savage disposition to see the other boy enjoyin not enjoy. Had Savage got called to the driver, "Whip have been glad to have enjoy but he could not bear to see a pleasure that he could not

QUESTION

What did I see one day passing | What along the streets of a large city? | What name did I give the boy? | cor Why? Who were running after a carriage? What made Savage angry? | a

Tell the nouns and adjectives

READING COL

Mean'-ness. Laugh'-ed.
Carr'-iage. Bus'-iness.
Some'-bod-y. Pure'-ly.
Pave'-ment. En-joy'-ing

Write to dictation :-

Carriage. Hanging.
Answered. Laughed.

Also,

I saw a carriage and two boys One of them succeeded, but the a struck the boy that was hanging from his seat and hurt himself. S ing, and offered him no sympathy.

HE PEACOCK.

ND THE PEACOCK.

ke', reproof.
'-ing, rejoicing.
set-ly, exactly.
', want of sense.
'ved', merited.
iy, showy.
ire', to wonder.

in the early spring, d children were on They stopped for



down the walk. "Why." sl surprise and almost disdain on your spring things yet? was quite tired of my dark Winter things look so dull as how do you like my ne wanted me to have a straw. are so plain. I think thi lovely; and my dress is j I never had such a dress mother no rest till she Sav. now. do you not all th Don't you wish you we little creature had rattled speech, that her companions putting in a word. Just th had been stalking about in man's house, suddenly alig spreading out to its full exte with its glittering eyes, and whose feathers shone like g in the sun, he uttered a loud exulting in his own gay app every one to come and admi

A gentleman, who was st and who had heard and seer a smile. The children saw and the eye of the little gir and dress met his eye fixed not speak a word, but look before them on the fence, and then on the vain girl, who was quick as well as vain. She understood him perfectly. She blushed at having been overheard in her folly, and, well aware that she deserved the rebuke, hurried on, ashamed to think that she was as proud as a peacock with his gaudy feathers.

It was a severe lesson, but she never forgot it, and it did her good.

QUESTIONS.

Where were the children going? What season of the year was it? Where did they stop? Why? Who came out? How was she dressed? What did she say about her bonnet? About her dress? What do you mean by "putting in a word?" What bird

came near them? What did it do? Who had seen all that had been going on? Did he say anything? What did he do? Who understood the meaning of this? What did she do? What should we learn from this lesson?

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Nice'-ly. Cot'-tage.	Crea'-ture. Speech.	Sat'-in. Ap-pear'-ance.
Trip'-ping.	Arch'-ing.	Watch'-ing.
Bon'-net.	Pur'-ple.	Se-vere'.

Write to Dictation:-

Gaily. Companions.
Lovely. Suddenly.
Rattled. Peacock.
Speech. Shrill.

Also,

The girl was gaily dressed in a lovely green silk. She was very vain of her nice dress, and rattled on so fast with her speech, that her companions had not a chance of putting in a word. A peacock suddenly alighted near them, and uttered a loud shrill cry.

Never sound the trumpet of your own praise,

XXXV.—LITTLE I

Cor'-al-work'-ers,	small	sea	Dis
animals.	_		En-
I(s)'-land, land su	ırrounde	ed by	Mot
water.		_	An'
Un-der-tak-ings, v	vorks.		Pro
Con-ceived', design	ned.		Re-
A-chieved', accom	plished.		Per

One step, and then anot And the longest walk One stitch, and then an And the largest rent One brick upon another And the highest wall One flake upon another, And the deepest snow

So the little coral-worke By their slow but cor Have built those pretty In the distant dark b And the noblest undert Man's wisdom hath c By oft-repeated efforts Have been patiently

Then do not look dishea
O'er the work you ha
And say that such a mi
You never can get th
But just endeavour day
Another point to gair
And soon the mountain
Will prove to be a pl
R, II.

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in a day,"
eaches;
and flowers,
preaches.
s,
e near;
the work,

built large islands? How have done this? What should this us? What will be the result? proverb is here mentioned? ts meaning.

he first ten lines.

NS.

Na'-ture. Preach'-es. Du'-ties. I'(s)-lands.



XXXVI.—THE STAG LOWATER.—A

Pro'-spect, sight.	T
Sur-vey-ing, viewing attentively.	C
Feat'-ure, form of the face.	E
Grace'-ful-ly, with dignity.	S
A-gree'-able, pleasant.	N
Scent, smell.	C

A STAG that had been drin saw himself in the water, prospect, stood for some tir



and features from head to "what a glorious pair of gracefully they hang over an agreeable turn to my w a set of such legs as real! to see them. People may talk what they please of the great use our legs are to us upon many occasions, but for my part I find them so very slender and unsightly, that I had as soon have none at all." While he was giving himself these airs, he was alarmed with the noise of a pack of hounds, that had just been laid upon the scent, and were making towards him. Away he flies in much fear, and bounding nimbly over the plain, soon left the dogs far behind him. After which, entering a very thick copse, he had the ill luck to get entangled by his horns in a thicket, where he was held fast till the hounds came in and pulled him down. Finding how it was likely to go with him, in a faint voice, he uttered these words: "Unhappy creature that I am! I now see that what I prided myself in has been the cause of my ruin, and what I so much disliked was the only thing that could have saved me."

QUESTIONS.

What is a stag? Where had it been drinking? What did it see in the water? What do you mean by a "pack of hounds"? Where "surveying his shape and features"? What did the stag say about them? What dos you mean by a "pack of hounds"? Where "does he go? What happened here? What words houttered? What were the last words houttered?

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Glo'-ri-ous. Fore'-head. Oc-ca'-sions. Pro'-spect. Re'-al-lv. Grace'-ful-ly.

A-gree'-able. A-larm'ed. Nimb'-lv. Copse. En-tang'-led. Like'-ly.

Thick'-et. Faint. Ru'-in. Sur-vey'-ing. Feat'-ures. Un-sight'-ly, Write to Dictation :-

Glorious. Occasions. Copse. Pleased.
Alarmed. Noise. Thicket. Entangled.

Also.

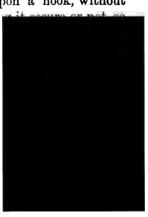
The stag had a glorious pair of horns with which he was much pleased, but he was ashamed of his legs, which upon many occasions were of great use to him. He was alarmed with the noise of a pack of hounds, and away he flies over the plain, and entering a thick copse, got entangled by his horns in a thicket.

XXXVII.—THE HEEDLESS BOY.

Con-trive', to plan. Atten-tion, heed Com'-fort-ab-ly, pleasantly. No'-tiç-ing, observing. Se-cure', fixed. Pro-vide', supply.
Un-ti'-dy, not neat.
Re-mov'-ing, taking out.
Stains, spots.
Con'-stant-ly, continually.

DICK WILDER is a boy who gives his parents a very great deal of trouble. Though he is quite a tall boy, he needs as much looking after as a child only four or five years old. His mother is at much pains every morning to see that his dress is in order when he sets out for school; but it does no more good for her to beg of him to try and keep himself neat and clean, than it would be to talk to a post. He will come home, perhaps, covered with ink, or with his jacket torn, or with his bonnet all dirty, as if it had been thrown amongst the mud. Scarcely a day passes, when something is not either lost or spoiled. His parents have

for books and clothing rest of the children om school sometimes. a one place, and his march into the room He is sure to hoes. er to give his mother as possible; he will a piece of paper into are dusty, instead of est place he can find, t where it happens; ill, perhaps, see him hickest of the mud. ention, he might get ien he reaches school, pon a hook, without



OUESTIONS.

What is the name of the heedless | boy? What does he give his parents? What does his mother do every morning before he goes to school? What is she anxious that he should do? In what state does he come home sometimes? What happens almost every day? What have Dick's almost every day? What have Dick's | always uneasy? What parents often said about him? How | almost constantly busy?

does he act when he comes in from school? In what other ways does he give his parents trouble? What does he do when the roads are dusty? When they are wet? When he reaches school what does he do with his cap? What makes his mother always uneasy? What keeps her

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Pa'-rents.	Cloth'-ing.	Shuf'-fling.
Trou'-ble.	Chil'-dren.	Com'-fort-ab-ly
Jack'-et.	School.	Tum'-bles.
Bon'-net.	Con-trive'.	Care'-ful.
Scarce'-ly.	Pos'-si-ble.	Un-eas'-v.
Spoil'-ed.	Piece.	No'-tic-ing.

Write to Dictation :-

Trouble.	School.	Shuffling.	1	Attention.
Scarcely.	Spoiled.	Through.]	Comfortably.

Also.

Dick Wilder, though quite a tall boy, gives his parents much trouble. He will often come home from school with his jacket torn, and scarcely a day passes when something is not either lost or spoiled. When the roads are dusty, he goes shuffling along; and if they are wet, he dashes through the thickest of the mud, when, by paying a little attention, he might get along very comfortably.

Commit to memory the following Proverbs.

Resist not the laws: they are the safeguard of the people.

Reprove mildly, and correct with caution.

Reform those things in yourself which you blame in others.

Such as are careless of themselves are seldom mindful of others.

Small faults, indulged, are little thieves to let in greater.

'HE EAGLE.

Claws, talons.
As-cend'-ing, going up.
Cir'-cles, round figures.
Speck, a small spot.
Out-stretch'ed, spread out.

out the eagle in the Bible
The eagle is one of the
ds. It is also one of the
a the wing. It can fly
g longer than any other.
fierce, and keep watch
male makes her nest on
gs at a time. The young
at the nest is from one
by the nest may be seen
h for food. Eagles kill



the strength of one of the young fail, the mother will fly under it, and catch it on her outstretched wings.

OUESTIONS.

In what book do we find more about the eagle than any other bird? How does the eagle differ from most birds? Where does it build its nest? How many eggs does it lay? What is the size of the nest? What may

be seen beside it? How do eagles kill their prey? What do you know about the sight of the eagle? To what age does the eagle live? How does it teach its young ones to fly?

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Swift'-est.	Swoop'-ing.
Pa'-rent.	Creep'-ing.
Fierce.	Swift'-ly.
Fe'-male.	Hun'-dred.
Rab'-bits.	As-cend'-ing.

Write to Dictation :---

Eagle.	Swiftest.	Watch.	1	Parent.
Noblest.	Fierce.	Swooping.	1	Claws.

Also.

The eagle is one of the largest and noblest of birds. It is also one of the swiftest and strongest on the wing. The parent birds are very fierce, and keep watch over their young. Eagles kill their prey by swooping down with all their might upon it, running their sharp claws into it.

XXXIX.-THE ASS.

Stu'-pid, wanting sense. Pa'-tient, enduring long. Fare, food. Pan'-niers, baskets. Con-tent. pleased. Neigh-'bour-hood, a place near.
Start'-ed, set out.
De'-cent, respectable.
Mar'-ket, a place of sale.
Gen'-tle, not wild.

EVERY one knows poor Jack, and most people call him stupid, yet he has more sense than some are willing to think. He knows when he is used well.

m a hard kick, nearly drivers. He is gentle f a fair share of hard sulk, and even kick. as Jack is? He does at his food, but is Give him clean word with his work. s not short of good will turn aside with people, to keep out of hbourhood. ind friends in Spain e enough to pay back in, in Spain, used to ilk to market. iese were packed in the donkey's back. all safe and sound, his mistress met him with kind words. Jack, like a decent donkey as he was, put his head on her shoulder to hear his own praises. and to show how much he liked a fair thing.

QUESTIONS.

What name is given to the ass in the lesson? What do most people say that he is? Is this the case? What are some of the things he knows? What do you mean by being "gentle and patient"? Does he ever kick? When? Explain what "not short of good sense" | means? What will he do if left to himself? Where does Jack meet with kind friends? What did a phore was the milk put? Where were these placed? When the man fell sick, what was done? Who met

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Stu'-pid.	Neigh'-bour-hood.	Peo'-ple.
Sense.	Friends.	Emp'-ty.
Pa'-tient.	E-nough'.	Mis'-tress.
A-fraid'.	Bot'-tles.	Stop'-ped.
Knocked.	Don'-key.	Shoul'-der.
Coars'-est.	Trou'-ble.	Prais'-es.

Write to Dictation :-

Coarsest.	Market.	Placed.	Across.
Spain.	Bottles.	Panniers.	Donkeys.

Also.

Jack does not often turn up his nose at his food, but is content with the coarsest fare. A poor man in Spain used to take his ass to carry his milk to market. The milk was put in bottles, these were placed in panniers, and thrown across the donkey's back.

Commit to memory the following Proverbs.

Sloth is the mother of poverty.

Some by wit get wealth, but none by wealth can purchase wit.

Shame will often prevent what the law does not prohibit.

XL.—WHAT CAME OF FIRING A GUN.

Cut'-ting, piercing. Skim'med, touched slightly. Spring'-ing, growing. Pipe, sing. Cal'-low, without feathers. Nest'-lings, young birds.
Daint'-ies, supplies of food.
Rare, scarce.
Sor'-rows, troubles.
Fright'-ful, causing terror.

AH! there it falls, and now 'tis dead,
The shot went through its pretty head,
And broke its shining wing!
How dull and dim its closing eyes!
How cold and stiff and still it lies!
Poor harmless little thing:

It was a lark, and in the sky,
On mornings fine, it mounted high,
To sing a merry song;
Cutting the fresh and healthy air,
It whistled out its music there,
As light it skimmed along.

How little thought its pretty breast,
This morning when it left its nest
Hid in the springing corn,
To find some breakfast for its young,
And pipe away its morning song,
It never should return!

Those pretty wings shall never more
Its callow nestlings cover o'er,
Or bring them dainties rare:
But long their gaping beaks will cry,
And then they will with hunger die,
All in the bitter air.

Poor little bird! if people knew
The sorrows little birds go through,
I think that even boys
Would never call it sport and fun,
To stand and fire a frightful gun,
For nothing but the noise.

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the first two verses. Write to Dictation the *third* verse.

XLI.—AGAINST THROWING STONES.

Re-mem'-ber, keep in mind. Rude, rough Tease, vex. Crea'-ture, a living being. Dan'-ger-ous, not safe. Naugh'-ty, wicked. Prac'-tice, custom. Teach, impart knowledge.

Would you learn, my little children, To be very good and kind? What I tell you pray remember, What I teach you always mind.

In your play be very careful Not to give another pain; If rude children tease and hurt you, Never do the same again.

If a stone were thrown against you,
And should hit your head or eye,
Don't you know 'twould hurt you sadly?
Don't you think 'twould make you cry?

Never throw a stone or brick then, Though you see no creature near; "Tis a dangerous, naughty practice, Which all little ones should fear. NG STONES.

l children, street; and cats, meet

n the first three verses.

LEGRAPH BOY.

cov'-ered, got better.
-i-tate, copy.
time'-ly, happening before
he usual time.
tract'-ed, drawn away.
3'-e-ty, community.
am'-ple, pattern.

two little girls, with the banks of a river own of Chesterfield. was attracted for a



had great difficulty in getting a firm hold of the child, as the bed of the river was deep in mud: the little fellow thought he would be drowned himself, but he tried again, and with a desperate struggle he reached the bank in safety. The child was taken into a cottage close by, and after proper remedies had been applied she recovered, and was in a fit state to be taken home. When the nurse told the child's mother what had happened she was delighted to have the little one back again, as it were from the very jaws of death, and from her heart she thanked the boy, who at the risk of his own life had rescued her daughter from an untimely death.

We trust that many lads will imitate the example of this brave telegraph boy, and always take the part of the weak ones; and we hope that he may grow up a noble, fearless man, and that he will become a very useful member of society.

QUESTIONS.

Where were the two little girls what was the matter? What did he walking? Who was with them? What caused one of the girls to give a scream? Who observed what had happened? What did she do? Did "jaws of death"? What caused one of the girls to give a scream? Who observed what had happened? What did she do? Did she succeed? Who then came to see

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the first ten lines.

READING COLUMNS.

Chest'-er-field. Sud'-den-ly. Scream. Plun'ged. Res'-cue.

Dif'-fi-cul-tv. Strug-gle. Safe'-ty. Cot'-tage. Rem'-e-dies.

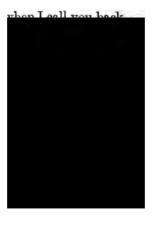
Ap-plied'. Thank ed. Tel'-e-graph. Ex-am'-ple. Bo-ci'-8-ty. PH BOY.

perate. Reached. uggle. Safety.

the girls had fallen into olunged into the river to ht he would be drowned a desperate struggle he

FDOORS.

sed', laid open.
/-ial, particular.
ar, low.
ta'-tion, act of tempting.
gard', not to heed.
nus, of great concern.



"Sit down a moment, and I will give you a list," said the old lady.

"In the first place, Edward, the doors of your ears must be closed against bad language and evil counsel of the boys and young men you will meet with at college, or you will be undone. Let them once get possession of that door, and I would not give much for your future prospects.

"The doors of your eyes, too, must be shut against bad books, or you will grow up a useless and ignorant man. You will also close them against the fine things exposed for sale in the shop windows, or you will never learn to save your money, or have any left to give away.

"The door of your lips will need especial care for they guard an unruly member, which makes great use of the bad company let in at the doors of the eyes and ears. This door is very apt to blow open, and if not constantly watched, will let out angry, trifling, or vulgar words. It will backbite if it is left open too long. I would advise you to keep it shut most of the time, till you have laid up a store of knowledge, or until you have something valuable to say.

"The inner door of your heart must be well shut against temptation, for Conscience, the door-keeper, grows indifferent if you disregard his call, and sometimes he drops asleep at his post; and when you may think you are doing very well, you are fast going down to ruin.

OORS.

e outside doors of your I keep out many cold herwise get in before oors,' you see, Edward, -one on which your d also in the next,

grandmother say? Did Edward erstand what she meant? What some of the doors she wished and to shut? If he did so, what intage would be gain?

the first ten lines.

JMNS.

Watch'-ed. Know'-ledge. ·ial Con science. Bus'-i-ness. Temp-ta -tion.

y.



XLIV.—STORIES

Fa'-vour-ite, a particular friend.	/ I
Re-tir'-ing, withdrawing.	S
O-be'-di-ent, submissive.	1
Anx'-ious, desirous.	A
Fas/-ten, make fast.	0
Se-cured', made safe.	L
E-spec(sh)'-i-ally, particularly.	S

TINY is a clever little dog, sure of seeing when on a v months ago. He justly d favourite with his young in a little box in a passage to the garden. Some time retiring to rest, when Tiny much. Although usually vet on this occasion he wo barked louder and louder. the cause, some one came passage. Tiny ran barkii into the garden, when it wa vant had forgotten to fast door being properly fasten his bed as quiet as a lamb he has given due warning of properly secured against th

A lady had once a favouri pretty little fellow he was, and two pretty ears which Dash was not one of those i but rather what we "Dash was useful e especially in pernd-boy. The lady ap, then, pointing to would say, "Pretty



back the articles safe and sound. You must not suppose that Dash really asked for the goods; he only took the basket, in which was a slip of paper naming the articles wanted. The grocer generally served Dash as soon as he entered the shop, for this reason: Dash did not like waiting, so that if the grocer did not perceive him, Dash would soon let him know, by setting up barking, to the annovance of other customers. Dash was never found loitering along the street, like too many little boys and girls, when sent on errands. Little boys and girls, and big boys and girls too, may take a lesson from Dash, and always go willingly, quickly, and obediently. They will not only please their parents, but will feel a happy reward in their own breasts. God has promised to bless good and obedient children.

A gamekeeper of my acquaintance has a dog that has been trained to bring from home almost any article that his master requires. A gentleman, who doubted the fact, stayed in the keeper's house one day to watch the dog, who was to be sent a distance of about four miles for his master's "Shot-belt No. 1." When the dog arrived at the house he began to bark, so as to gain the attention of his mistress. On being admitted, he looked up at the various articles on the wall, as much as to say, "My master has sent me for one of his belts." There were several belts hung in a row on the wall, and the keeper's wife took down No. A:

All the others, but the sagacious of them. The as handed down, ad it, and off he uld carry him, and s master's feet.

uld the lady say when she bash to go an errand? Tell know about Dash going to r's. What lesson may little girls take from Dash? On sage was a gamekeeper's? Tell all you know about

irst ten lines.

Ac-quain'-tance. Doubt'-ed. Va'-ri-ous.

XLV.-LETTIN

Aches, is in pain.
Stamp, to strike with the foc
Tread, to set the foot.
Lower, to look dark.

Poor mother's her How very quiet v This Wednes She's resting now If she could get to She should b

I will not sing, or And Tommy will Or stamp acr And little Meg wi Not to tread heav Or loudly shi

When first the clo
I thought that we
And now you
We can't go out jo
But we may be qu
And well am

Tommy can rig his
And make it sman
And Meg ma
And I will put my
And read aloud a
Or tell you al

Tell the nouns and adjectives in the Write to Dictation the last verse.

XLVI.-A GOOD LO

Bould'-er, a round piece of rock.

De-sery', to discover.

Fare, food.

Hances, darts.

Stream'-ing, flying.

Perch, lofty seat.

Fruff, stern.

Craft, f De-pend Clamb'culty For'-eign count Roam, to

The fisher's boy, with joyfu Has climbed a boulder hi Far o'er the waves his fathe He clearly can descry.

His mother, in their little co Has spread the homely far And hung the dry clothes to To hail his father's safe return, And lend a helping hand.

His mother, too, is quickly there; Her husband's voice is gruff, But there's a true and loving heart, Beneath his coat so rough.



And many hands make speedy work
The laden craft to clear
Of fish, on which their hopes depend
For winter clothes and cheer.

Wee Willie feels himself a man, To clamber o'er the boat— Of all the fisher boys about The brayest lad afloat. Of Him who rules the deep, But seek for grace to guide hir And all His ways to keep.

That he may meet his parents On that delightful shore, Where all who love and serve Shall dwell for evermore!

ell the nouns and adjectives in the first Vrite to Dictation the two last verses.

XLVII.-NO MILI

Cheer'-less.

Nour'-ish-i

Talk'-at-ive

Ear'-nest-1;

Bound'-ing Cheer'-ful-l

talking.

crets, hidden things.
t'-ed, pushed out the lips.
'-ter-ing, speaking low.
-fish, thinking too much
f one's self.
-er-y, wretchedness.
-lorn', wretched.

E of th

to be happy A very polane behind his mother's very cruel to his wife beat them.

One day this poor we mother to beg a little new Mrs. Manly had none to had saved for Robert's sethe poor creature this," and without his milk for his mother told him how milk for the poor sick be this at all. He pouted a eat his bread and but about the milk being his, any right to it.

His mother was very so and she lifted up her hear He would take away thes him a better bov. The n with her to see this poo the sight of their misery they went down the la How cold and forlorn e It made little Robert shiv cheerless home. The po Manly, over and over as "It kept the baby still a father didn't beat her—1 and finds her crying he

hungry, and wants

an spare you any "I want to very

now I can't expect ood, and I'm very

uld do for you?"

the most is a drop, and kissing her

ert didn't say a 7 very talkative. estly about some-1g, but prayed in

h him to feel and



the girl, came in and c thing was seen of the By and by he came covered over with si cheerfully—

"Mother, the baby's took it to her. Now sh mother said, 'God k that was to me; and very good to-night (sr my no milk."

Yes, little Robert wa Saviour's words, "It is to receive," when he s the "no milk" was be made him happier to sick baby than to drink

QUE

What is one of the great secrets c being happy? In order to do thi what must we learn to be? Ho old was little Robert Manly? Wha did he like to have? Who lived nea his mother's house? What kind c a man was the father? Wha brought the poor woman one da to Robert's mother? What did Mrs Manly say about the milk? Wha did she say to Robert at suppe

Tell the nouns and adjec

	READIN
Pleas'-ing.	Re-fuse
Fam'-i-ly.	Mis'-er-
Chil'-dren.	Shiv'-er
Cru'-el.	Ex-pect
Crea'-ture.	Ob-liged

ouse. The father was very cruel to had often beat them. One day the pobert's mother to beg a little new me had none to spare except what she happer, but she thought that Robert could ronce, so she gave away the milk to the

Commit to memory the follow

He that blows in the dust fills his He is an ill boy that goes like a t is whipped.

All that is said in the parlour sho ne hall.

A lie has no legs, but scandal has Lookers'-on see more than players. It is a long lane that has no turni. It is an ill cause that none dare so The blood of the soldier makes eneral.

He that by the plough would the hold on drive

REVISAL OF WORD EXERCISES.

Write to dictation the following words, underline such as are nouns, doubly underline the adjectives, and tell the

meaning of those in italics:-

Arching, appearance, achieved, ancient, agreeable, alarmed, attention, ascending, afraid, across, applied, attracted, ashamed, admitting, against, anxious, articles, annoyance, acquaintance, animal, aches, amused, accident, appear, accent.

Business, because, bonnet, builded, bottles, boulder, bound-

ing, bridge.

Convenience, carriage, companions, cottage, creature, clothing, children, contrive, comfortably, careful, claws, circles, creeping, Chesterfield, college, counsel, constantly, conscience, customers, craft, clamber, content, coarsest, cutting, callow, coral-workers, conceived, copse, contrive, cheerless, cheerfully, cruel, convulsions, collection, captured, couple, courage, catch.

Disposition, disdain, deserved, disheartened, duties, decent, donkey, dainties, dangerous, difficulty, desperate, drowning.

disregard, doubted, descry, depend, descend.

Enjoying, exulting, endeavour, efforts, entangled, eagle, enough, empty, example, exposed, especial, errand, earnestly, expect, except, ensues, enemy, earn.

Friends, frightful, fallen, future, favourite, fasten, family, float, foreign, forlorn, favour, folly, feature, forehead, faint,

fierce, female, fare, faggots, furnace.

Glittering, gaudy, gaily, gracefully, glorious, gentle, grocer, glances, gruff, generations, generous, gleaner.

Happened, hanging, hundred, horror, happier, hatchet,

honour.

Instance, island, insect, imitate, imagine, ignorant, indifferent.

Jacket.

Knocked, knowledge, kinsman.

Laughed, lovely, likely, language, loiterers, lower, lane.

Meanness, mountain, mighty, market, mistress, muttering, misery, minutes.

Nicely, nature, nimbly, noise, naughty, noticing, noblest, neighbourhood, nestlings, nourishing, notice.

Offered, ocean, oft-repeated, occasions, outstretched, obedient,

obliged.
Pleased, provide, parents, possible, piece, prey, patient, panniers, praises, people, placed, pavement, purely, pleasure, perfectly, purple, peacock, proverb, persevere, patiently.

shuffling, square, swooping, speck, sistarted, sense, sheaf, sailing, stacks speech, satin, severe, shrill, stitch, secure, stains, scream, seized, shiver, sickle, suffering, sympathy, somebody, sighing, secrets, stopped, shoulders, Sysorrows, struggle, society, safety, seriou

Taunting, tripping, through, than temptation, tread, tale, talkative, th

tumbles, tease, teach.

Undertakings, unsightly, untidy, unusually.

Vulyar, various, village.

Watching, watch, waiting, woman,





